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THE CARROLL NEWS

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INVESTIGATIONS

Investigation is pending after drugs are found in a student's dorm room

Nicole Green  
Campus Editor

A John Carroll University student was found in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash. Campus Safety Services raided the resident's room in Hamlin Hall on Nov. 22.

According to Brian Hurd, assistant director of campus safety services, the resident adviser reported smelling marijuana during rounds to CSS, who investigated and found the contraband.

Hurd said CSS called University Heights police due to the paraphernalia, which increases the seriousness of the incident.

The student was arrested for outstanding traffic violations, but could face charges of drug trafficking because of the amount of marijuana found.

"Finding more than the personal use amount [of marijuana] is rare," said Hurd. "At a certain amount, there is the assumption of the intent to sell."

The students name was not released since there is an ongoing University Heights police investigation.

Incident ignites rumors on campus; CSS investigating

Emily Gaffney  
Campus Editor

Rumors of a gunman on John Carroll University's campus spread after Winter Formal on Dec. 4.

Freshman Ross Bernard heard about the rumors via a text message while in a friend's dormitory.

"I was hanging out with a friend who got a text from someone saying there are two armed men running around campus," said Bernard.

The rumor that gunmen were roaming the campus turned out to be false. However, the rumor was the result of an incident involving a group of students and a non-student.

According to Timothy Peppard, director of campus safety services, a group of students coming back from the Winter Formal met the man in the Recplex sometime after midnight. The students believed they saw a gun on the man. They reported it to a resident assistant in Murphy Hall, junior Craig Sidol, who then reported the incident to CSS around 1 a.m.

CSS found the suspect, but no gun. CSS is still investigating the incident and have not confirmed whether or

not there was ever a gun present.

"We're going to talk to every person that was there," said Peppard. "People have come in to talk to us and we still have people coming in."

In addition to students, CSS has also talked to the suspect and the suspect's family.

After the incident was reported, CSS never sent out a text or e-mail to alert students of the situation.

"There was no initial alert sent out because nothing was confirmed," said Peppard.

CSS generally uses the text and e-mail alert system to notify students of power outages and closings.

According to Peppard, CSS does not send out an alert without confirmation.

"People sometimes overreact to a situation or misinterpretation. We try to get a sense that the threat is real," said Peppard.

Also, CSS uses the system sparingly so that when an

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University hopes for a better report card next year

As students prepare for finals, administration has a final they're also hoping to ace: campus sustainability

Emily Gaffney  
Campus Editor

The administration of John Carroll University is taking steps to become more environmentally-friendly. Earlier this semester, the University received an "F" grade in sustainability from greenreportcard.com.

The administration is currently moving forward with three separate initiatives.

The first of these is implementing a

sustainability committee on campus.

According to Jonathan Smith, vice president and executive assistant to the president, "It [the sustainability committee] will communicate with the campus the activities that are taking place."

Additionally, the committee will be charged with setting priorities for energy projects and conservation and will provide a forum for discussion about how to best improve JCU's sustainability efforts.

Senior Brad Bartelme, vice president of the environmental issues group on campus, feels that the University has to do more to make the University greener.

"Our sustainability report card gave the administration an 'F,' and rightly so. They have made no effort to get the student body involved and everything is done behind closed doors," said Bartelme.

The administration hopes to change this feeling with the sustainability com-

mittee.

The committee will be comprised of interested students, as well as faculty and administration.

Smith said that the Rev. Robert Niehoff, president of JCU, will announce the formation of the committee soon. At that time Niehoff will also announce who is on the committee.

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JCU alum Ken O'Keefe coordinates Iowa's offense, p.8





## Campus Briefs

### SOBB Applications Available

Applications for the 2010 Student Organization Budget Board (SOBB) are now available.

SOBB allocates funds to student organizations. Seven at-large positions are available for undergraduate students.

Anyone is welcome to apply, but applicants must be available for both spring and fall semesters.

Applications are due Friday, Dec. 11 in the Student Union Office or via e-mail to [cneuhaus11@jcu.edu](mailto:cneuhaus11@jcu.edu).

Applications are available in the Student Union Office or on [OrgSync.com](http://OrgSync.com).

### Relay for Life Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for JCU's annual Relay for Life event.

The event will start at 10 a.m. on April 24 and end at 4 a.m. on April 25.

Volunteers are needed to assist with survivorship, decorations, Luminaria, silent auction, production, food and beverage, entertainment and activities, recruitment, set up and tear down.

Anyone is eligible to sign up. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for teams as well. Volunteer meetings will be held as relay approaches, and they will take place about once a month until the relay.

Visit [www.jcu.edu/relay](http://www.jcu.edu/relay) for more information or e-mail [mabdelmessih12@jcu.edu](mailto:mabdelmessih12@jcu.edu).

### Flu Shots Available at Health Center

The Seasonal Flu shot, H1N1 flu shot and the H1N1 mist vaccine are now available in the Health Center from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

The H1N1 vaccine will be given free of charge. The seasonal flu vaccine is \$25, cash or check.

Students must pre-register for the H1N1 vaccine at [h1n1vaccine.odh.ohio.gov](http://h1n1vaccine.odh.ohio.gov) and bring in your registration form to the health center prior to receiving the H1N1 flu mist.

# Residence Life Advisory Board will reconvene

After a semester break, monthly meetings will begin again in the spring

**John Jackson**  
Staff Reporter

The Residence Life Advisory Board will be reinstated beginning next semester. The board will begin meeting monthly to discuss different aspects of residence life and potential improvements.

Heather Losneck, director of residence life, said that although the board may be new to freshmen, it is not a new initiative.

"The board hasn't stopped existing; it just has not met this semester," Losneck said.

Once students return from winter break, Losneck plans for the board to reconvene.

She said the advisory board will consist of two students from each residence hall, two members of the Student Union ResLife committee, two members from the Organization of Resident Assistants, and two members of the Residence Hall Association.

In addition, two tour guides will be added to the board to ensure that any new residence life information is explained fully to incoming high school visitors.

The board is charged with the

"The purpose of this group is to discuss problems from various perspectives of student life and to generate ideas for potential programming."

**Amy Marchlen**  
Student Union Chair of  
Residence Life Committee

task of reviewing residence life initiatives.

"[We] review some policies and practices such as holiday break housing protocol and solicit feedback," Losneck said.

Senior Amy Marchlen, chair of the residence life committee for the Student Union Senate, said the board works collectively to solve problems.

"The purpose of this group is to discuss problems from various perspectives of student life and to generate ideas for potential programming," she said.

Junior resident assistant and Student Union President-elect Amanda Papa said that as of right now the

Student Union only utilizes a small committee.

"We just have a committee of three student senators who correspond with student issues regarding student housing," she said.

Papa thinks that the large number of the board will be a positive.

"As an RA, it's good they're reaching out to a wide variety of students," she said. "I'm all for student participation and perspective."

Freshman Sarah Baum said she thinks that having the board reconvene is a good idea.

"As a student living on campus, anything to improve residence life is a positive," Baum said.

Baum lived in Murphy for the

first few weeks of this semester, but she now resides in Pacelli. Living in two different freshman dorms, Baum has seen the type of problems that can occur in residence halls.

For Baum one of the issues that the board could address would be the bathrooms.

"The bathrooms are always filthy, not due to the lack of cleaning crew—they're great, so nice," Baum said. "It's the fact that some people disrespect them and the facility. Stricter penalties or consequences could be enforced."

Although Papa doesn't know the exact problems the board will be addressing, she said that the diversity of the students will be a plus.

"They're getting different perspectives," Papa said. "I'm glad there will be a variety of students."

Losneck said that the board will help her in various areas.

"Having the RLAB is really helpful to me in planning for our department and in making sure that the students understand why we do what we do," she said. "It is really helpful to have students on the board who are comfortable asking questions and giving effective feedback."

## Students were not told about false alert

From, RUMOR, p.1

alert does go out to students, they pay attention to it.

Peppard said, "It's the culture here. JCU is considered a safe campus. We're in a bubble here. We've been very fortunate."

Bernard felt that CSS still should have warned students about the rumors and that they were false.

"I really didn't feel too comfortable having to walk back to my room ... I feel like CSS definitely should have sent out something

letting people know what really happened," said Bernard.

Peppard said that incidents such as these can be resolved quickly if students report anything suspicious as soon as it happens. It takes a long period of time for CSS to investigate when the report comes after the fact.

Currently, CSS is still collecting information and interviewing witnesses in connection to the incident.

"We're eventually going to know more," said Peppard.

### JCU Alert

Sign up for JCU's text message emergency notification system at:

[www.jcu.edu/e2campus/e2CampusSignUp.html](http://www.jcu.edu/e2campus/e2CampusSignUp.html)

## WJCU's 'Blizzard Bash' brings in more than \$1000 for Hunger Network

**Nicole Green**  
Campus Editor

John Carroll University's radio station, WJCU 88.7FM, raised \$1,021 for the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland through its fourth annual Blizzard Bash benefit concert.

Station Manager Robert Duns said the event was in planning since September.

"It was really a great result," he said. "We set a new station record for the amount raised for the Hunger Network."

Blizzard Bash featured The Jack Fords and special guest The 609'ers and took place at The Brothers Lounge in Cleveland.

Proceeds from raffle tickets, donations and a contribution of funds that were originally allocated for an end-of-the-year party for WJCU



Photo from jcu.edu.

composed the donation made to the Hunger Network, according to General Manager Mark Krieger.

## Campus Safety Log



**December 4, 2009**

An underage intoxicated person snuck onto a Winter Formal bus at 8:58 p.m.

**December 4, 2009**

Staff reported a suspicious intoxicated person at 10:21 p.m.

**December 6, 2009**

EMS responded when a student got hit in the eye at 1:44 a.m.

**December 6, 2009**

Student Affairs reported criminal damage to ceiling tiles in the basement of Campion Hall at 3:46 a.m.

*These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.*

Photo by Nicole Green

10	Thursday	11	Friday	12	Saturday	13	Sunday	14	Monday	15	Tuesday	16	Wednesday
Carroll's Own Medley will take place at 8 p.m. in The Underground.		The Christmas movie "Elf" will play at 10 p.m. in Dolan Auditorium.		24-hour quiet hours begin in the residence halls at 1 a.m.		The Blessing of the Brains will take place during the 6 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Chapel.		Exam week begins.		Good luck on your final exams!			





**Merry Christmas**  
from The Carroll News

## **The 2010 Distinguished Faculty Award**

Nominations are now being accepted and should be submitted to:

**Distinguished Faculty Award Committee,  
Office of the Academic Vice President**

**by 4:00 p.m., February 1, 2010**

Questions about the award or the nominating process should be directed to:

Dr. George Bilgere, Chairperson  
216-397-4746 or [gbilgere@jcu.edu](mailto:gbilgere@jcu.edu)

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# ‘Armored’ difficult to defend



A review by  
**Craig Willert**  
Editorial & Op/Ed Editor

When asked about the effect he was hoping to illicit from the audience, “Armored” star Columbus Short said, “I want them to remember Columbus Short.” An egotistical response? Maybe. But nevertheless, he made himself known in the latest action-thriller movie.

Director Nimrod Antal’s ethically challenging and high-paced film included some high-profile actors such as Matt Dillon (“Crash”), Laurence Fishburne (“The Matrix”) and of course, Short.

Short plays Ty Hackett, an Iraq War veteran who returns home to find a troubled brother struggling to cope with the recent loss of his parents.

Ty gets a job with an armored truck service to help pay-off overdue bills left over from his parents’ deaths. Ty, Mike (Dillon), his father’s best friend, and Baines (Fishburne), the old dog of the crew, act as the truck’s three-man team.

With nothing but despair and the threat of losing his brother to child services, Ty vows to make ends meet and keep the family together. A perfect opportunity arises when Mike and Baines attempt to convince Ty to steal the \$42 million they are transporting.

As the plot progresses, it’s obvious to the audience that Ty is struggling between his own ethical platform and the promise of living free of debt.

There were a few bright spots in this sloppily-made film. Short’s performance may have put him on the fast track to a big Hollywood career. He made the plot believable and convinced the audience to feel the pain and anguish he was going through.

It was a difficult role because he had to convey that he was struggling with the decision, but at the same time he had to do it to keep his family together.

Though he won’t get much recognition for this role or many awards, we will almost definitely be seeing more of him in the future.

The film’s overarching ethical dilemma propelled the movie and helped avoid a complete catastrophe. It made the audience think and ask themselves, “Would I steal the money?” It was a movie of good timing. If they had made this film while the economy was stable, there was no war, and people weren’t worried about debt, then it might have been an even bigger flop.

However, with the current context, the audience could resonate with Ty and felt his pain as he was being pulled apart. On the other hand, the movie’s plot was simple, maybe too simple, only taking place in a of couple sets.

The mind-numbing plot didn’t give the movie any flare, action or suspense. It was as if Antal took the plot from a picture story made by a second grader in arts and crafts. It wasn’t creative and it colored outside the lines.

Maybe the movie would have been better if the chase scene didn’t consist of Ty running from a thousand-pound truck. The scenario is doubtful at best.

“Armored” never put Ty in a no-win scenario, and presented the audience with easily predictable and manageable conflicts.

With a small sliver of hope always looming, “Armored” never presented the audience with that ultimate conflict.

My advice: wait until the movie is shown on John Carroll’s movie channel and save the \$10 cost of a ticket.



The CN interviews ‘Armored’ star Columbus Short (left)

**Q: ‘Armored’ has really put you into the Hollywood limelight. How do you feel?**

**A:** I don’t know if that’s all the way true. I do know that I’m positioned in a terrific spot as far as young actors are concerned.

**Q: This is a different role for you. How did you get this part?**

**A:** I felt like this was a movie that could A: cross me over, and B: give me an opportunity to do something on a larger scale. I like to think that I have the opportunity to break out and take roles that are color blind.

-Interview conducted by Craig Willert

# Procrastinators guide to holiday shopping

There’s still awhile until Christmas, right? Wrong. Christmas is in just over two weeks, a mere 15 days away.

Hopefully, the bulk of your Christmas shopping is finished, but if it isn’t then there are still some fast ways to get a good Christmas present in time.

Since college students aren’t exactly loaded with cash, here are this year’s most popular holiday gifts under \$50.

The following ideas will make a great gift for the sleeping impaired, the vocally talented, a significant other and the John Carroll student who is in need of more layers to keep warm in this Cleveland weather.

-Compiled by Alex Egan

## iKaraoke - \$49.99

Found at Radio Shack, this simply plugs into an iPod and instantly turns into a karaoke machine so one can sing to any one of their favorite songs on the iPod.



photo from vaporsmagazine.com

It even comes with a microphone, and was voted at the top of the list for best gifts of the year.

## “Clocky” - \$49.99



photo from images.hayneedle.com

“Clocky” is an alarm clock that makes sure you get out of bed, and is available at Target. “Clocky” (who is equipped with wheels) will jump off of the nightstand and roll around on the floor until you get up and catch it to turn off the alarm.

## Hunter socks - \$30



photo from zalando.com

These “Fleece Welly” socks are sure to keep the feet wam during the coldest days. Found at Nordstrom, these are designed to fit inside rain boots, adding a touch of color for the fashion-savvy and keeping feet nice and toasty on the way to class.

# Entertainment Calendar

Check out what’s happening in Cleveland this week!

12.12  
**Cheap Girls**  
Grog Shop  
6 p.m.  
\$6

12.13  
**Lewis Black**  
EJ Thomas  
Performing Arts Hall  
7:30 p.m.  
\$20-\$25

12.18  
**The Promise Hero**  
Grog Shop  
6 p.m.  
\$5

-Compiled by Jennifer Holton

## Celebrity Tweet of the Week



**This section is dedicated to those Twitter-happy celebrities who take the time out of their busy day to drop us a line or two of wisdom and humor. If there is a celeb tweet you find worthy, e-mail it to jholton12@jcu.edu!**



**Kirstie Alley seemed to be getting into the holiday season as she posted this tweet one afternoon**

**“So here’s some hot chocolate, some good Christmas CHEER; it is yummy and festive and makes for big rears...here here..here here.”**

Photo from superiortpics.com.



# Decade A review

## 2000

When the ball dropped on New Year's in Times Square almost ten years ago, we entered the new millennium.

Minutes into the 21st century, those with stockpiles of canned food and bottled water held their breath as they braced themselves for "the millennium bug" or the ever-feared Y2K problem, that predicted financial institutions' computer systems would fail on Jan. 1, 2000.

Now, almost ten years later, the first decade of the 21st century is about to end.

Time magazine has called it "the decade from hell" and The New York Times seems to believe it was "the era of misplaced anxiety."

Whatever it is

to you, the entertainment sector of the decade seemed to have an ample stream of news straight from the Hollywood Hills.

What decade will compare to the one in which Britney Spears shaved her head, Janet Jackson's Superbowl halftime show "mishap" caused a the FCC to fine the network, and pop king Michael Jackson dangled his infant son out of a Berlin hotel window?

Here are a few moments The Carroll News feels stood out in the first decade of the new millennium.

America makes reality TV popular as contestants are isolated in the wilderness to compete for cash and other prizes in the reality TV show, "Survivor."

Martha Stewart, America's favorite homemaker, is moved from her home to the slammer after she is busted in a stock market scandal, consequently serving five months in prison.

Michael Jackson demonstrates questionable judgment as a father when he dangles his son, Blanket, from a Berlin hotel balcony for fans to see.

Britney Spears proves she's "not that innocent" when she and Christina Aguilera kissed Madonna during a performance at the MTV Video Music Awards.

William Hung gets his 15 minutes of fame as a result of his off-key audition performance of Ricky Martin's hit song "She Bangs" on the third season of the television series "American Idol."

Tom Cruise declares his love for Toledo's Katie Holmes by jumping up and down on Oprah's sofa during a taping of her show.

The world mourns after Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin dies in an accident in the Great Barrier Reef.

Paris Hilton spends 23 days in jail for violating probation in an alcohol-related driving case.

"The Dark Knight" becomes the second-highest grossing film of all time with the late actor Heath Ledger.

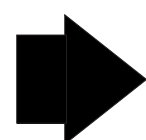
Pop king Michael Jackson and "Charlie's Angel" Farrah Fawcett die on the same day in June.

-Compiled by Jennifer Holton



photos from: sportsblog.projo.com, scam.com, and images.allmoviephoto.com

## Pick-up Line of the Decade



**"Yo girl, the back of your head is ridiculous. Can I get your number?"**

-Mad TV

\*Submit your own pick-up lines by e-mailing [cwillert10@jcu.edu](mailto:cwillert10@jcu.edu).



## Tim's Turn



**Tim Ertle**  
Sports Editor

## Coming up with my sports wish list

'Tis the season for wish lists, so I composed my own sports wish list – things that would make my life as a fan so much better.

First and foremost, I wish we had a playoff system in place for college football.

The BCS dodged a major bullet on Saturday when Texas knocked off Nebraska in the final seconds to clinch a spot in the national title game.

Are Alabama and Texas the two best teams? Tough to say. Boise State, Cincinnati and TCU beat everyone on their schedule. Shouldn't they at least get a chance to win a championship?

I want to see, on the field, who the best team really is. Let's play it out and discover the answer once and for all.

Staying in the college ranks, I wish basketball players had to stay for three years – like they do in football – before entering the NBA.

There's nothing quite like college basketball and, in my opinion, it would only get better if players stuck around for a few more years. People are going to tune in every March regardless, but I think the tournament would have an extra spark with established superstars playing.

In baseball, I wish the steroid users would just go away. As fans, we can't help but wonder whether guys like Albert Pujols and Ryan Howard are using performance enhancers, or if they really are this good.

I hope baseball can soon test players for every drug under the sun and punish users severely. I mean a lifetime ban – that severely. When fans are paying such high prices to attend games, they deserve to know whether or not the product they are seeing is genuine, or a result of some work done in a lab.

While we are on the topic, I wouldn't mind seeing that 2003 list of steroid users in Major League Baseball.

Some of the names have leaked, but I would love to see who else is on the list. I'm very curious to see if some of my childhood heroes are on there.

I wish that we heard more about the "good guys" in sports. For all the guys that get D.U.I.'s and hit their live-in girlfriends, there have to be a few that do things the right way. Let's give them some ink too.

Finally, I hope that 2010 is a better sports year than 2009 was. There weren't too many memorable moments from this year, but luckily, there is always next year.

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## Streaks stay hot, run their record to 6-0

**Charlie Duggan**  
Staff Reporter

The Streaks are hot. The phrase that carried the John Carroll University men's basketball team through their 21-game winning streak last season is true so far this year.

So far, the biggest test on the schedule came when JCU hosted the Fighting Scots of The College of Wooster, who were ranked No. 9 in the country.

Sophomores Corey Schontz and Matt Crozier, the MVP of the Scranton Tournament, got JCU off to a solid start with Crozier scoring the first nine points, all on assists from Shontz.

The game went back and forth before JCU found an extra gear to close the game on an 11-3 run to secure a 71-63 victory.

JCU overcame their worst shooting performance of the season, going just four of 12 from behind the arc and hitting 11-22 from the free throw line.

"It was a defensive battle," said head coach Mike Moran. "Our guys had to go out and find a way to win and get the job done."

The Blue Streaks found that way with defense. JCU forced 26 turnovers while turning it over 10

## Streaks Are Hot ... By The Numbers

**355** - The number of days since the Blue Streaks last lost a regular season game. That came on Dec. 20, 2008 when they went on the road and lost to the Polar Bears of Ohio Northern University.

**91.5** - The number of points the Blue Streaks average per game this season.

**23** - The number of turnovers per game the Blue Streaks have forced over their first six games.

times themselves. Zajac and Shontz combined for nine of the 17 steals.

Crozier finished the game with team highs of 18 points and ten rebounds. Shontz posted 11 points to go along with his seven assists.

JCU carried their momentum right into the beginning of their Ohio Athletic Conference schedule as they drove across the Cuyahoga River to face rival Baldwin-Wallace College.

JCU made up for its previous shooting performance by making 25 of its first 37 shots.

The Blue Streaks took a 15 point lead into the halftime and the Yel-

low Jackets never had a stinging chance. The lead got as big as 34 at one point before JCU coasted to a 96-73 victory.

Corey Shontz led the offense with 17 points and was one of four Blue Streaks who posted double figures for the contest. Senior All-American Rudy Kirbus had 15 points, while juniors Mo Haynes and Tommy Lavelle netted 13 and 10, respectively.

The Blue Streaks hosted the Fighting Muskies of Muskingum this past Saturday to cap off the week. JCU, the pre-season pick to win the conference, edged the

Muskies, pegged for last, 76-66.

After starting the game on a 20-8 run, JCU started to get a little careless on both ends of the court. They posted their lowest three-point shooting percentage of the season, going eight of 31 for the game.

Corey Shontz once again led the offense with 17 points and seven assists. Kirbus was the only other Blue Streak in double figures with 13 points.

The Blue Streaks held a 70-46 lead with four minutes left in the game, so the final score appears to be a bit deceiving.

"You always take a win," said Moran. "It's a long season and you're going to have games where the energy level is down and guys don't have their best game. But when the games happen you have to use that as motivation in practice to get better for the next game."

That message got through to his players.

"We have to keep working every day and every game," said Haynes. "We have to do the work now so we're not trying to make up for it in March."

Editor's Note: Results from last night's game against Mount Union were unavailable for this edition.

## JCU grad O'Keefe helps lead Hawkeyes to Orange Bowl

**Chris Koller**  
Staff Reporter

It was 34 years ago that Ken O'Keefe roamed the field as a wide receiver for the John Carroll University football team. Today, he paces the sidelines as the offensive coordinator for the University of Iowa – one of the highest ranked football programs in the country.

O'Keefe's road has been a long one that has taken him from the sweltering heat of Texas to the bewildering cold of Russia.

Looking back on his years at JCU, O'Keefe, whose daughter Meghan is a JCU senior, remembers the lifestyle of a student-athlete.

"We always had to make sure we got our work done," he said. "But we also had our fair share of fun."

Many of the friendships he made at that point in his life, he still holds today.

"Some of those guys I played with and were close with come to Iowa games now," he said. "Being able to see those people allows me to stay connected to that time in my life."

The head coach during his playing days, Jerry Schweickert, who still teaches classes at JCU, played an integral role in shaping his coaching style.

"I have very fond memories of Coach Schweickert," O'Keefe said. "He taught me how important it was to love your players."

After graduating in 1975, O'Keefe began his lengthy journey towards becoming a high-profile collegiate coach.

Two years as an assistant at New Haven University was the first taste of NCAA coaching experience that he would undergo before moving to the high school prep level.

He would spend the next seven years in Massachusetts and Texas,



**JCU grad Ken O'Keefe, now Iowa's offensive coordinator, and star quarterback Ricky Stanzi have the Hawkeyes headed to the Orange Bowl to take on Georgia Tech in Iowa's first BCS game since 2002.**

before finally returning to the college ranks as an offensive line coach at Allegheny College.

In 1990, he was promoted to head coach at Allegheny and began what was one of the most successful tenures in program history.

O'Keefe led the Gators to an undefeated season and Division III National Championship in his first year at the helm. In addition to the championship, he was named the Division III National Coach of the Year.

Over his eight seasons leading the program at Allegheny, O'Keefe compiled a career record of 79-10-1 with four undefeated regular seasons and conference coach of the year honors four times.

Following the 1992 season, O'Keefe led an all-star team to Russia to compete in an exhibition game against a semi-pro team.

While there, he was asked to help teach younger kids to play American football, and proceeded to spend two years running camps in the country.

He played an integral role in the Friendship Through Football program that brought together youth teams from the United States and Russia.

After moving on to Fordham University in 1998, an opening in the University of Iowa staff led O'Keefe to the Big Ten.

He accepted the position of offensive coordinator in 1999 and has never looked back.

Now in his 11th season as the playcaller for the Hawkeyes, O'Keefe's offenses have taken Iowa to seven bowl games since 2001, while also bringing Iowa back to national prominence.

"I love it," O'Keefe said of the

University of Iowa. "I am around so many great people every day; it makes it tough to not love coming to work."

The Hawkeyes are set to play Georgia Tech in the FedEx Orange Bowl this January in their first BCS bowl game since 2002.

As for whether or not O'Keefe could ever see himself leaving Iowa for the NFL, like so many Blue Streaks before him, the jury is still out.

"All of that kind of stuff usually takes care of itself," he said. "I am very fortunate to be in a job that I love so much."

Throughout all of the years, O'Keefe still is grateful for what John Carroll provided him.

"I learned how to learn [at JCU]," he said. "Carroll doesn't just teach excellence in the classroom, but excellence in life."



# Women’s hoops opens OAC play

Pat Nygaard  
Staff Reporter

The John Carroll women’s basketball team tipped off Ohio Athletic Conference play this week, splitting a pair with Baldwin-Wallace College and Muskingum College.

First, JCU suffered a tough 75-61 loss to the B-W Yellow Jackets in what was also the Blue Streaks home opener.

B-W, a team that features a number of freshman, jumped out to an early 15-4 lead to start the game which JCU could not overcome – although they were close.

The Blue Streaks cut the deficit to two in the first half when junior guard Lee Jennings converted on a pair of free throws.

However, the Yellow Jackets responded with a 9-4 run to finish off the half.

It seemed as though their momentum carried over into the second half as B-W got out to a quick start, expanding their lead to double digits in the opening minutes.

Senior guard Whitney Hamilton responded with a three-pointer and Jennings followed with five quick points to cut the deficit back to two points, but JCU could never get over the hump.

“We fought hard all game, but just couldn’t get the defensive stop when we needed it,” said junior guard Sadie Zander.

Aside from a handful of quick runs that widened the gap, the Yellow Jackets outrebounded John Carroll 45-30 and had 17 offensive rebounds.

“When you lose the battle on the boards the way we did, it’s tough to try and sneak a win out,” said senior forward Caitlin Sureck.

JCU was led by Jennings who finished with a game-high 26 points to go along with eight assists. Sureck chipped in 16 points and



John Carroll junior guard Sadie Zander, 22, tries to pass over a Yellow Jacket defender. JCU lost to their crosstown rival, 75-61.

was the only other Blue Streak in double figures.

The Blue Streaks came into Saturday’s contest at Muskingum looking for a much needed win to even out their conference record.

“That game was important for us because we couldn’t fall to 0-2 to start out conference play. We all knew we had to win this game,” said assistant coach Jeff Camp.

This time, the Blue Streaks got a defensive stop when they needed it most. It was a two-point game with under a minute to play, and then Jennings made a play that exemplified JCU’s defense all afternoon.

Jennings stripped the ball from a Muskingum player with six seconds remaining in the game, and then calmly knocked down two free throws to extend the lead to four, which would ultimately be the final margin.

This defensive stop didn’t look like it would be necessary, as a Hamilton three-pointer gave JCU

a double-digit lead with under four minutes left.

Even though they allowed the Muskies to go on an 8-0 run, JCU was determined to stand tall and not surrender the lead, something they did just once in the whole game – and that came early in the first half.

Jennings scored a career-high 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for JCU as they snapped their four game losing skid and improved to 2-4 overall with a conference record of 1-1.

Zander and Hamilton each chipped in 10 points and junior Katie Knox pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds to help the Blue Streaks win the rebound battle, 48-43.

*Editor’s Note: Results from last night’s game against Mount Union were unavailable before this edition of The Carroll News went to print. Log on to [www.jcusports.com](http://www.jcusports.com) for details.*

## JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD DEC. 1 - DEC. 8

### Men’s Basketball

JCU	96
Baldwin-Wallace	73

JCU	76
Muskingum	66

#### JCU Leaders -

<b>Points:</b>	
Corey Schontz	34

<b>Rebounds:</b>	
Matt Crozier	14

<b>Assists:</b>	
Corey Shontz	7

### Women’s Basketball

JCU	61
Baldwin-Wallace	75

JCU	63
Muskingum	59

#### JCU Leaders -

<b>Points:</b>	
Lee Jennings	55

<b>Rebounds:</b>	
Katie Knox	20

<b>Assists:</b>	
Lee Jennings	10

\* If you are a member of a John Carroll University club sport and would like your results published in The Carroll News, please send scores by 5 p.m. on Sunday to:

[jcunews@jcu.edu](mailto:jcunews@jcu.edu)

### Swimming

#### Carroll Classic

#### Men

1. JCU - 1177
2. Notre Dame - 755
3. Malone - 220

#### Women

1. JCU - 1078
2. Notre Dame - 1076
3. Malone - 243
4. Ursuline - 87

### Wrestling

#### R.I.T. Invitational

1. Notre Dame - 163.5
2. Cortland State - 147.5
3. Wesleyan - 104
4. Waynesburg - 79
5. Oswego State - 61.5
6. JCU - 56.5
7. B-W - 49.5
8. Thiel - 45.5
9. RIT - 44.5
10. Case Western - 25.5

#### JCU Leaders -

**Ben Adams**  
Third-place: 184 lbs.

**Connor Suba**  
Third-place: 157 lbs.

**John Cobos**  
Fifth-place: 125 lbs.

## STREAKS OF THE WEEK



### Swimming



David Essi  
senior

Essi, who was competing in his last collegiate event because he is graduating this semester, went out in style as he swept the diving events by winning both the one-meter and three-meter dives.



### Basketball



Matt Crozier  
sophomore

Crozier was named Ohio Athletic Conference ‘Player of the Week’ for the week of Nov. 30. To date this season, the center is averaging 12.8 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.



### Wrestling



Connor Suba  
sophomore

Suba placed third in his 157-pound weight class to help propel the Blue Streaks to a sixth-place finish at the 44th annual Rochester Institute of Technology Invitational last weekend.



### Basketball



Lee Jennings  
junior

Jennings had a fantastic week as the Blue Streaks opened up conference play. She averaged 27.5 points per game to go along with eight rebounds per game as JCU went 1-1 last week.



### Swimming



Rachel Mizner  
freshman

Mizner was the anchor of the 400-yard free relay team that won the deciding race, besting Notre Dame College by .20 of a second. She won a combined seven titles in the two-day event.



# It's the most wonderful time of the year

## JCU students find ways to spread holiday cheer

**Brian Bayer**  
The Carroll News

*Christmas is in the air at John Carroll. Although the temperatures have dropped, the age-old spirit of generosity is on the rise. Even among broke college students, no one says "Bah, humbug!" when it comes to giving.*

### How Students Give

As John Carroll's mission states, its students are men and women for others. One of the most prominent times to witness this is during the holiday season. Between University-sponsored events and individual efforts, many JCU students find some way to give to others.

For the past two years, sophomore Megan Lutz said, "I buy gifts for the Giving Tree instead of actually buying gifts for my family."

The Giving Trees are Christmas trees adorned with ornaments. On the back of each ornament is information about a child and a gift they would like to receive from "Santa." A student then buys the present and leaves it unwrapped at a given location.

On Christmas morning, Lutz shows her family the tag she selected. "I think it makes me more willing [and] more excited to give to people," she said.

Freshman Brendan Hancock said, "I love giving!" Every year, he and his mom get an underprivileged child's

Christmas list and try to buy as much of it as possible. Brendan said that this helps relieve the guilt that we all sometimes feel.

### Through the Eyes of a Child

This past Saturday, Dec. 5, the University hosted "Through the Eyes of a Child." The event was sponsored by Circle K, a college-level community service program. For this event, JCU invited 110 children from underprivileged families to the Student Center. Here, they got to play games in the IM gym, decorate cookies, and sit on Santa's lap. The children would tell Santa what they wanted and he would hand them the gift the child's JCU buddy had chosen for them.

Upon checking in, each child was assigned a "buddy"—a student from John Carroll with whom they would spend the day. Five-year-old Makhyia enjoyed making cookies and cutting out snowflakes with her buddy. Ja'Quain Williams said simply that his favorite part of the day was "everything." He and his buddy got to play racquetball, check out the indoor track, and Williams even got a football as his gift.

Student volunteers also enjoyed themselves. Sophomore Ben Szweda said, "[the Christmas season] makes people more generous, there was an overflow of people." Along with a high number of student volunteers was the massive number of presents donated this year. So many presents were brought that there were actually extras, said Szweda. Even our JCU Santa Claus, (Nick Toney) cheerily said, "I do this every year 'cause it's fun! You get to hang out with little kids."

### Charity Beyond the Diploma

The Blessing House is a charity organization that offers help to children from birth to age 12 who live in crisis situations. The John Carroll Alumni Association donates to this organization.

Sister Mary Berigan, SND, a director for The Blessing House, said that John Carroll has been a big asset to the organization. "I know that the Jesuits have always been very social justice oriented," she said, "It's very impressive." The Blessing House expected that the rough economy would mean a season of less donations; but to their surprise, there was actually an increase.

"The number of people that want to help... says a lot for the human spirit," said Berigan.

The donations they receive come in all different forms. "We take whatever God sends to us," she said. Financial support is always welcome, but, for those who cannot afford large donations, they also appreciate volunteers for food drives and fundraisers. "We really believe that people give whatever they can," she said.

Despite the pressures of finals, the chaos of holiday shopping, and the frigid Cleveland weather, JCU students and alumni gladly open their hearts to charity during this Christmas season. Whether as part of a group, club, organization or individually, everyone seems to enjoy the yuletide opportunity to be someone else's Santa Claus.

## What are you giving this Christmas season?



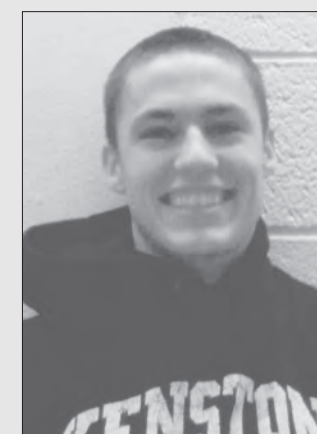
"I plan to do the Giving Tree. I am at the point where I understand what I have and I am lucky. The least I can do is give back in ways like this."

Tony Mihalich,  
senior



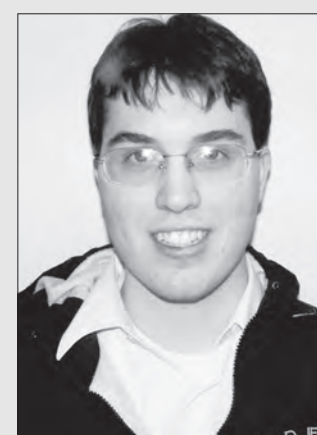
"I participated in the Giving Tree. I got to pick out little shoes for this cute, little girl. I feel I made a little girl's day brighter."

Hannah Dubyoski,  
sophomore



"All varsity sports teams were signed up to tutor inner-city kids. We sat down with the kids and talked to them about their lives. It was pretty cool!"

Andrew Krainz,  
sophomore



"I plan on buying a gift for the Giving Tree. I think it would add something to his/her Christmas. It feels good to help other people."

Matthew Vaitkevicius,  
freshman

### Saturday, December 12 Home for the Holidays! (Schott Atrium, 9:30-10:30 p.m.)

Numerous JCU choral groups and the pep band will lead students in a Christmas sing-along. The event also features cookie-decorating, refreshments, a reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" and the tree lighting outside the Student Center. Students can earn a chance to win a \$300 shopping spree at the JCU Bookstore.

### Christmas Carroll Eve Mass (Church of the Gesu, 11:00 p.m.)

Traditional Christmas Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Gesu. Music will be provided under the direction of Cynthia Caporella, director of liturgical music and musical arts.

### Midnight Feast (Schott Dining Hall, 12:00 a.m.)

Food and fellowship will be available in the dining hall after Mass. Anyone is invited to attend the feast with a program from Mass or a JCU I.D.

### Sunday, December 13 Blessing of the Brains (St. Francis Chapel, 6:00 p.m.)

At the 6:00 p.m. Mass, students will have their brains blessed before they take their final exams. The 6:00 p.m. Mass will be the only Mass offered this weekend.

### Through Monday, December 14 Giving Trees

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to take ornaments from trees located outside Einstein's, in the Lomabardo Student Center or Dolan Science Center. Each ornament lists a gift. Donors buy the gifts and leave them unwrapped outside the Campus Ministry Office, Center for Service and Social Action, or with any Resident Minister. Gifts will be given to children at the Fatima Family Center.

### Thursday, December 10 Carroll's Own Medley (The Underground, 8:00 p.m.)

This event, sponsored by SUPB, features an open-mic and the chance to make holiday cookie cut-outs.

### Friday, December 11 "Elf" (Dolan Auditorium, 10:00 p.m.)

Watch the newest Christmas classic screened on campus, sponsored by SUPB. Elf is the tale of Buddy, who was raised in the North Pole. He goes back to New York City to find his biological father and raise Christmas spirit.

### Saturday, December 12 Christmas Carroll Eve (Kulas Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.)

This event is sponsored by the Department of Liturgical Music and Musical Arts. JCU choral organizations, the JCU Jazz Band, and other instrumentalists will be performing traditional carols and seasonal music from around the world. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Admission is free.





# Obama orders 30,000 extra troops for Afghan war

**Rita Rochford**  
Staff Reporter

On Dec. 1, the three-month long debate on whether or not to increase U.S. troop levels in Afghanistan culminated with President Barack Obama's decision to send 30,000 additional troops early in 2010 and to begin removing forces in 2011.

This decision came in the months following General Stanley McChrystal's assessment of the situation in which he reported that the fate of the war in Afghanistan hinges upon receiving more troops and adjusting the strategy. Before issuing his final decision, Obama consulted a number of experts and received advice from many of his advisers.

Neither Obama nor McChrystal rely solely on numbers to change the course of the war in Afghanistan. As a result, the proposed strategy seeks to ensure protection of the Afghan people, as well as to pressure the Afghan government to strengthen its military and be prepared for a transition of power in the absence of U.S. forces.

A great deal of focus will also be placed in the southern regions of the country to counteract the Taliban's expansion. In particular, the Helmand Province, which is a Taliban stronghold and major producer of opium, will experience a strengthened U.S./NATO presence.

The cost of this plan is estimated at \$30 billion for its first year. With no set plan for funding, Obama looks for transparency and truthfulness in these discussions. Many Democrats in Congress, who feel that U.S. resources are better used at home rather than fighting overseas,



**President Barack Obama greeted cadets at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., where he announced his plan to immediately send 30,000 troops to Afghanistan. While most of the troops will be sent to southern and eastern Afghanistan, where violence is at its highest level since the beginning of the war, Obama also said that they would begin removing forces in 2011.**

met this commitment to Afghanistan with aversion. Some even recommended applying a war surtax to generate additional funding.

While Republicans largely support the president's decision to increase troop levels, an area of contention rose around the inclusion of a timetable to begin removing U.S. forces by mid-2011. Some fear it sends the wrong message to Taliban militants.

According to Mona DeBaz, a political science professor at John Carroll University, "This deadline puts pressure on the Afghanistan government that they cannot depend on the U.S. forever. However at the same time, by telling the Taliban when American forces are going to leave, it gives them the opportunity to wait it out and hide in the mountains."

Those in the White House have

responded by pointing out that the timetable is not set in stone and will depend upon the situation in the districts of Afghanistan. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has further addressed concerns, explaining that the transition will occur gradually and operate on a conditions-based agenda.

In response to the increased U.S. commitment to Afghanistan, NATO has responded by pledging an ad-

ditional 7,000 troops from at least 25 member nations. "A lot of the European countries want to stand up with the U.S.'s large commitment especially as the U.S. image has improved internationally with President Obama's election," said DeBaz.

The proposed figure, combined with the 30,000 troops promised by the U.S., brings additional troop levels closer to the 40,000 that General McChrystal requested in his September report. Although details surrounding this announcement are still vague, Germany and France are expected to play a large role by providing over 3,000 troops each.

However, neither nation will commit to anything prior to the conference on Afghanistan, scheduled for late January. Should this proposal come to fruition, NATO forces on the ground would operate with 47,000 troops excluding U.S. forces, which will be over 100,000 troops.

Gates and others believe that by July 2011 it will be evident if the change in strategy has paid off. The new goal seeks to ensure the government of Afghanistan is protected and stable enough to thwart Taliban threats as well as to counteract their momentum. This new goal replaces the drive to eliminate the Taliban completely which some, like Gates, would consider an everlasting commitment.

In addition to the troop increase, Obama also announced that he will increase pressure on Pakistan to fight militants in its North West Frontier Province, which has become a sanctuary for the Taliban to plan attacks on American forces in Afghanistan.

## Moderate Democrats pose obstacle for passing health insurance reform

**Dan O'Leary**  
Staff Reporter

As the health care debate continues to intensify in the Senate, it has become evident that bipartisan support is highly unlikely.

Therefore, the Democratic leadership is focusing on keeping the Democratic caucus united in order to reach the crucial number of 60 votes needed for passage.

This pursuit of 60 votes will undoubtedly be a challenge, as there exist four moderate Senators of the Democratic caucus that have openly expressed reservations towards the health care bill in its current form.

Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) has recently become an integral part of the political compromising process that has occurred among the ranks of the Democrats. Landrieu was able to secure an additional \$1 million of Medicaid funding for her state in exchange for her vote to move toward debate on the health care legislation.

Although she voted for the motion to begin debate, Landrieu has said that she does not favor the

current version of the bill, which contains the public option. However, she has expressed an openness toward a trigger option.

According to TheHill.com, Landrieu said, "Our caucus now is in the process of negotiating with ourselves because we need all sixty of us to get this done."

Similar to Landrieu, Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) has come out against the public option. According to CNN, Lincoln said, "I don't support a public option that is government-run or government-funded."

This moderate Democrat faces a tough re-election bid in 2010, and will be the center of attention from interest groups on both the left and the right. Although she does not support the liberal-favored public option, there does exist room for compromise. Lincoln has made it known that some sort of trigger option could be appealing.

Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE) has taken a different approach of opposition. Besides having has some doubts about a public option, Nelson's main concern rests with the

issue of abortion.

He has long been a pro-life Democrat and favors the House amendment, created by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI), that calls for more restrictions on the use of federal subsidies in the public option and market exchange programs to cover abortions.

If a Stupak-type of amendment is not present in the final form of the bill, Nelson's support of health care reform could be in jeopardy.

Former Democrat-turned-Independent Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut remains steadfast in his total opposition to any type of a public option.

The 2000 Democratic vice presidential candidate has recently been a source of frustration for the Democratic Party. During the 2008 presidential election, Lieberman actively campaigned for Republican candidate John McCain.

Now Lieberman seems to be disinclined to negotiate unless the public option is completely off the table. According to CNN, Lieberman said, "The better political compromise is to get the public option



**Clockwise from top left, Sens. Joe Lieberman (I-CT), Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), and Ben Nelson (D-NE). These senators have openly expressed their reservations with the health care legislation, so Democratic leaders in the Senate will be trying hard to persuade them to vote for it.**

out of there."

Whereas other moderate Democrats have been willing to listen to versions of the reform that include a trigger or state opt-in mechanisms, Lieberman has taken a hard-line stance that has put him at odds against the Senate's Democratic leadership of Harry Reid and Dick Durbin.

With Lieberman, an unlikely candidate for the sixtieth vote needed for passage, Democrats will most likely need to produce a bill that can gain the support of moderate Republican, Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine.

According to Larry Schwab, a political science professor at John Carroll University, "This creates an extremely difficult problem for Harry Reid and Pres. Obama. They have to walk a tight rope. If they give into the moderates it could anger the liberal Democrats."

The White House is also expected to increase its involvement in the negotiations among moderate and liberal Democrats in order to deliver on this top domestic priority.

On Sunday, Pres. Barack Obama visited Capitol Hill to meet with the Democratic Caucus to urge his party to pass health care reform.



## WORLDWIDEWEB



**Sean Webster**  
World News Editor

## I want letters

So my past couple columns have been pretty critical of the Catholic Church. I accused it of sexual discrimination, homophobia, strong-arming society, and blackmailing Congress. I also called it misogynic, elitist, bigoted, ignorant, stubborn, unsympathetic, disconnected and bullheaded. And since we received no letters to the editor from anyone trying to counter my arguments, I'm assuming you all agree with me.

Now this newspaper isn't exactly The New York Times, and this campus isn't exactly Harvard, so I don't expect someone to write a letter about every single column I write. But this is a Catholic university, and I at least thought that someone would try to stand up for the Church by writing a letter in defense of its teachings and policies.

That isn't to say that I wrote these columns specifically to be controversial and provoke some type of response from the student body. I believe in and mean every single word that I write.

But this newspaper isn't simply a pedestal from which I can preach my point of view. It's a dialogue for introducing new ideas, questioning old ones, and engaging in intelligent debates that have the potential to sharpen our beliefs and increase our understanding of the issues facing society. Or at least it could be. But without participation from the student body, the only side of the story that gets heard is mine.

Now I won't kid myself. For as much as I would like to think that all of you agree with everything I write, I know that isn't the case. Especially with my recent columns on the Church, I know for a fact that more than a few people disagreed with, and perhaps were even offended by, what I had to say.

But no one wrote a letter expressing these thoughts. And when you don't express your thoughts, everyone loses: you miss an opportunity to stand up for what you believe in, readers of this newspaper only get one side of the argument, and I don't get a chance to defend or improve my arguments.

So here's the deal. It's time for the student body to take a more active role in its newspaper. Next semester marks the beginning of a new decade, which gives us a chance to set a new tone on this campus. And I want letters.

I'm not asking for a letter every week. Sometimes my columns can be pretty dry, uncontroversial, or talk about subjects that most people don't know a lot about (for example, Middle Eastern politics or, my personal favorite, non-profit health insurance cooperatives).

But if you come across something in my column that you don't agree with, or you come up with an idea you want to share, or you simply want to add to an argument that I made, take the initiative to get involved in the discussion by writing a letter to the editor. It doesn't have to be an essay – a simple paragraph or two would be just fine.

This newspaper has a lot of potential. Although it was named the best weekly college newspaper in Ohio, it could be even better next year if the student body were only to increase its participation. It's not too much to ask, but a little effort on your part could go a long way towards making this campus a place where ideas flourish and debate thrives.

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## World Briefing

## 1. Protests in Sudan ahead of elections



Thousands of demonstrators rallied in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum on Dec. 7, demanding electoral reforms ahead of next year's national elections. Scheduled for April, it will be the country's first multi-party election in decades. Police broke up the demonstrations using tear gas and batons and arrested several senior Sudanese politicians. Opposition supporters responded by burning down at least one office belonging to the governing party, which prompted the government to release the opposition leaders.

## 2. Israeli police enforce settlement freeze



Israeli police began enforcing a temporary construction freeze on Jewish settlements in the West Bank on Dec. 2, issuing stop-work orders and arresting settlers who disobeyed. The freeze is supposed to last for ten months, and was implemented by the Israeli government in an effort to help restart Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. However, since the freeze does not apply to East Jerusalem, which Palestinians want to make the capital of a future Palestinian state, they have refused to return to peace talks.

## 3. Students clash with police in Iran

Thousands of students clashed with Iranian government officials on Dec. 7, hurling rocks and starting fires in protest of the government's crack-down on the opposition movement



Image from nytimes.com

since Iran's controversial June presidential elections. Police officers and members of the pro-government Basij militia used chains, truncheons and stun guns to subdue the protests, arresting and injuring dozens of citizens. Some protesters burned pictures of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The protests come at an important time for Iran's government, which recently rejected an international proposal to ship its uranium abroad for processing.

## 4. Explosion in Syria kills three



Three people were killed in Syria on Dec. 3 by an explosion next to a bus. Witnesses described a large explosion that left thick clouds of black smoke, destroyed and blackened the back of the bus, and broke glass from nearby buildings. Although the explosion took place near a major Shiite shrine and the bus had been carrying Iranian pilgrims, the Syrian government claimed that the explosion was caused by a burst tire, and was not a terrorist attack.

## 5. U.S. and Russia miss nuclear deadline

The United States and Russia missed their deadline on Dec. 4 to generate a new nuclear arms control treaty. With the expiration of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty of 1991, U.S. and Russian officials are working on a new treaty that will cut the world's two largest nuclear arsenals by up to a third. Both countries have pledged to honor the old treaty after the deadline until a new treaty is signed.

## 6. Honduras refuses to restore Zelaya



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In a vote of 111-14, the Honduran Congress decided against restoring ousted President Manuel Zelaya to serve the last two months of his term. The vote was part of a deal

brokered by the United States and signed by Zelaya and Roberto Micheletti, the interim Honduran president. The U.S. promised that if Zelaya were restored, the international community would restore relations and economic aid to Honduras. Zelaya was ousted by the military on June 28 and has been living in the Brazilian embassy in the capital of Honduras since September. The current government has threatened to arrest him on charges of corruption and abuse of power if he leaves the embassy.

## 7. India announces emissions target

India announced on Dec. 3 that it would slow the growth of its emissions by 2020. In a plan announced by the country's top climate official, India will attempt to reduce its levels of carbon intensity – or the amount of carbon dioxide emitted per unit of economic output – by 20 to 25 percent by 2020, compared with 2005 levels, primarily by focusing on becoming more energy efficient. With 1.2 billion people, India has a much lower per-capita emissions rate than that of the industrialized world. However, overall level of emissions is the fifth highest in the world, and will continue to grow as the economy grows – even if it reaches the goals of its new climate plan.

## 8. Global climate summit begins



Image from nytimes.com

A long-awaited global meeting on climate change, involving almost 200 countries, began in Copenhagen, Denmark on Dec. 7. The goals of the meeting, which will last until Dec. 18, include achieving adequate cuts in carbon emissions – especially from big countries like the United States and China – and to secure commitments from wealthy nations to supply billions of dollars to poor countries so they can help implement their own climate plans.

AP images and information  
compiled by Sean Webster.

## Casualties

The Department of Defense confirmed the death of two U.S. soldiers in Iraq and three U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan during the week of Nov. 29.

A total of 4,367 U.S. soldiers have been killed in Iraq since Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced in 2003, while 932 have been killed in Afghanistan since Operation Enduring Freedom commenced in 2001.




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by Kath Duncan



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Name That Toon!

The following picture relates to a popular song. The first person to submit the correct answer will get his/her name and picture in the next CN! Just fill in your guess along with your name and e-mail then drop off your submission at the CN office to win!

LAST ISSUE’S NAME THAT TOON WINNER



Angela Pettito

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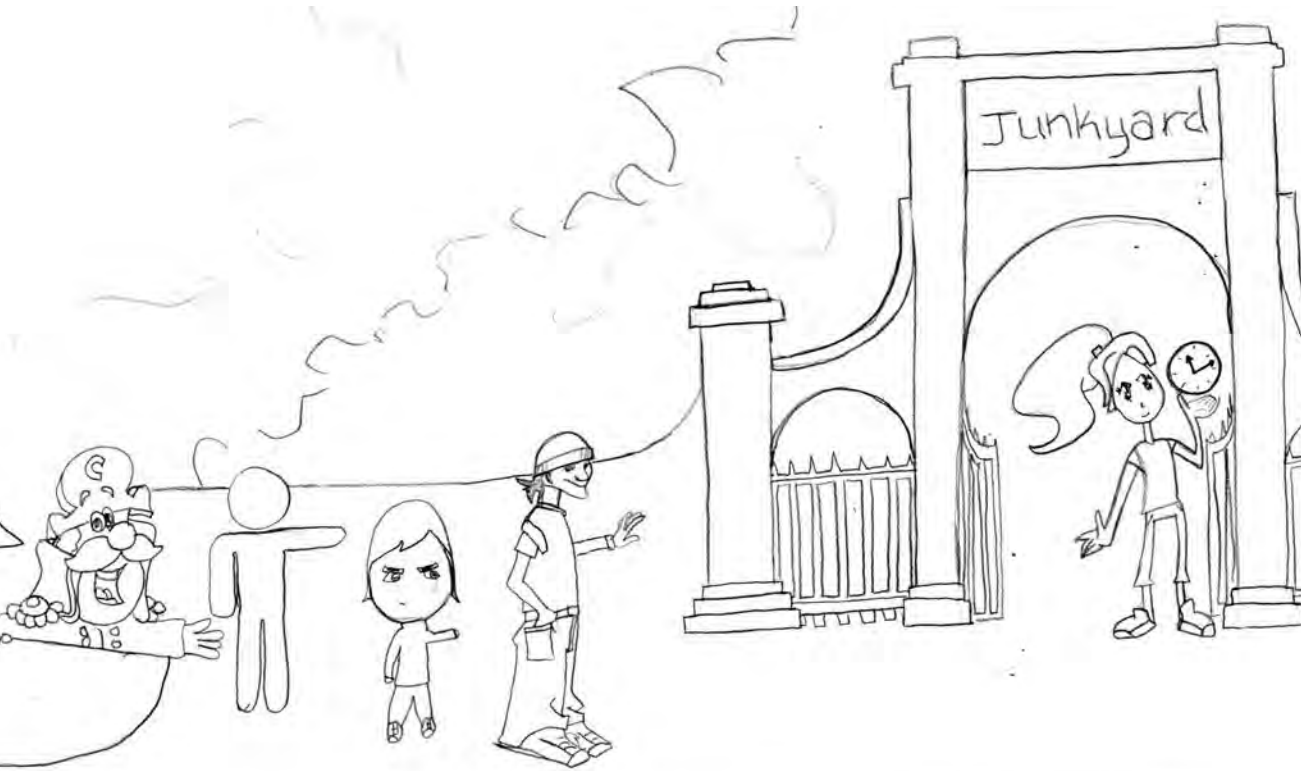
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Semester in Review

Fall 2009 presented the administration, Student Union and the student body with many challenges. From community involvement and sustainability, to dealing and coping with tragedy, John Carroll University has had its ups and downs. The Carroll News hopes to see a continuance of excellence in some areas of JCU and improvements in others.

Community Relations

In 2009, John Carroll University’s relationship with University Heights improved, while the newly formed partnership with Shaker Heights caused controversy. University Heights and JCU banded together to help people to vote for a new mayor and begin a new line of communication.

The Carroll News commends the administration and Student Union on an excellent job in their efforts to involve students in the University Heights election. With the Carroll Counts campaign, a larger amount of students than ever before expressed their political right to vote, contributing more than one-third of the city’s total votes. Holding multiple debates, as well as a polling place on campus, the “Storm the Dorms” event, and the City Charter Review bettered the overall accessibility of the election to students. Not only were students more likely to participate in the elections, but it also brought outside community members to the campus, showing UH constituents that we weren’t as bad as the last regime made us out to be.

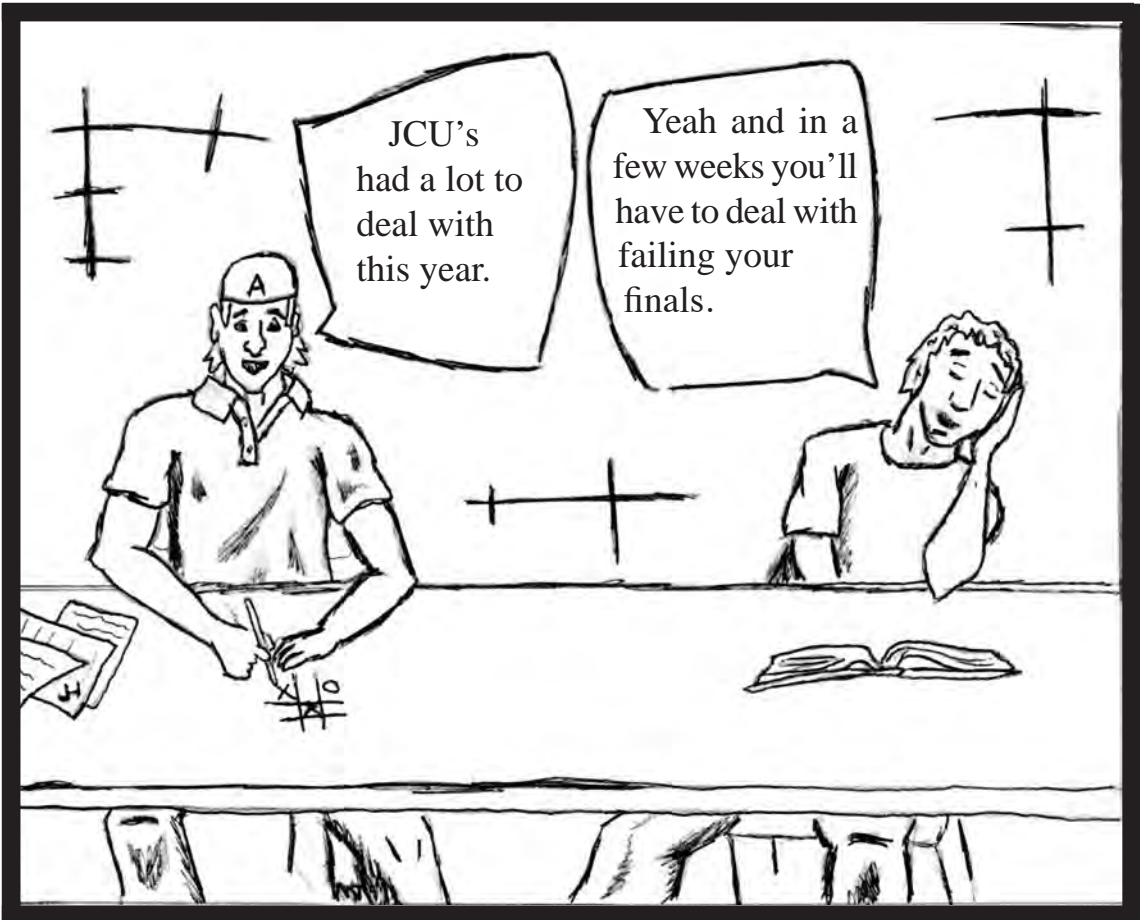
The Carroll News hopes that both the administration and the Student Union will continue to improve the relationships as the new year commences, building upon the strides made over the past semester.

On the other hand, serious measures need to be taken on the Shaker Heights front. With the purchase of four apartment buildings on Fairmount Circle, JCU expanded its territory into Shaker Heights.

As stated in an earlier issue, The Carroll News does not agree with the ordinance that the city passed last August, which restricts student occupation in the apartments owned by JCU within Shaker Heights.

With the controversial issue being voted upon, University representatives should have been present. The administration and Student Union representatives failed to show up, damaging not only the University’s image, but also our relationship with the city.

The Carroll News would like to see both Student Union and the administration take a more proactive role with the Shaker Heights community, starting with a meeting with Mayor Earl Leiken discussing a possible compromise on the issue.



Cartoon by Joe Hinkel

Sustainability

Earlier this semester, JCU received an overall D+ from green-report.com, a slight improvement from the previous year, but JCU must do better. The administration received an F for the lack of reporting sustainability despite the prospect of creating a committee in response to the poor grades. The Carroll News believes that the administration has failed to respond properly to the report and must correct the problem as soon as possible. Recently the Student Union passed a resolution urging the administration to join the Collegiate Sustainability practices consortium. We want to see a concerted effort by the administration to reduce the University’s carbon footprint.

The Carroll News applauds the administration and Student Union for taking a step in the right direction; however, they both need to do more. We suggest turning the lights off in buildings such as Bohannon and putting recycling bins in buildings or dorms instead of trash bins that are sorted later. Researching what other schools with high sustainability report cards do and emulating some of their techniques may also prove beneficial.

Tragedies

The administration and Student Union responded appropriately and efficiently to the three tragic losses that hit the JCU community earlier this semester, providing services to those affected by the deaths. The Counseling Center immediately offered its services and a suicide prevention hotline was quickly put in place.

We would like to see students made more aware of the Counseling Center’s hotline and services.

We would also like to see more open forum meetings between the administration and a majority of the student body where feelings and frustrations as well as information on all topics can be expressed.

HIT & miss

**Hit:** Christmas break after next week **miss:** Final exams next week **Hit:** The holiday season **miss:** Non-stop Christmas music on the radio **miss:** Browns, Steelers and Bills all lose **Hit:** AIDS Awareness Week **Hit:** Tiger Woods’ tree, fire hydrant and mailbox **miss(ing):** His dignity **Hit/miss:** Last columns from former staff members Max Flessner and Rachel Szuch **Hit:** Caribbean Day in the cafeteria **Hit:** The Carroll News returns this week **miss:** It won’t be back until next decade **Hit:** Recycling **miss:** JCU’s sustainability **miss:** Weezer’s lead singer Rivers Cuomo hurt in bus crash **Hit/miss:** Snow **Hit:** Puppies

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## OURVIEW

## Hey Christmas, wait your turn



**Emily Gaffney**  
Campus Editor

The greatest time of year, yup, I'm talking about Christmastime, of course.

Christmastime is, in my opinion, the best time of the year by far. Nothing can really compare to it. There are no other holidays that come close to measuring up to Christmas. The colors, the decorations, the lights, the spirit, the snow, the traditions, the food, the music and the company. I love it all. I look forward to it all.

One of my favorite things to do is put up the Christmas tree, which will be my responsibility the first day of break. Nothing seems to cheer up a room like the twinkling lights and homemade ornaments on a Christmas tree.

Decorating the tree is a true sign that Christmas is on its way.

I couldn't wait until I got home to have a tree, so in my dorm room is a mini tree. It is one that lights up and reminds me that, as we head into the stress of exams, Christmas is right around the corner.

I also love wrapping presents, baking cookies, and watching Christmas movies with my family and friends. There are too many things to count.

One of the best parts of Christmas is that everything is cheerful during this time. Despite the chaos and anxiety of shopping for presents and trying to prepare for entertaining family, it's hard to be a Scrooge with "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" playing in the background.

Besides this undeniable fact, all of the stress is worth it in the end. It's all worthwhile when you celebrate with friends and family you do not see often and with those you may see every day.

I enjoy Christmas Eve most of all. This is when most of my family gathers to exchange gifts. It's always chaos and there is sure to be some kind of hilarious incident (there are usually thirty-some of us altogether).

However, when it comes to Christmastime, I do have one pet

peeve. This irritation is when the Christmas decorations come out before Halloween. This year, as I was still searching for a Halloween costume, I saw Christmas cards and ornaments already out in stores. This was a good two months before the holiday. I mean, I felt bad for Thanksgiving, where were its decorations? It was like we were skipping over the holiday.

Of course Thanksgiving day did come. In fact, beginning Thanksgiving Day there was Christmas music playing all day, every day on some radio stations and some Christmas movies were playing on television even before this.

This, to me, is a little too much Christmas.

Don't get me wrong - like I said, I love Christmas. I enjoy anticipating this time of year, but when it begins before December gets here, I get tired of Christmas before it even comes.

And this should not happen to a person's favorite holiday, it should be a criminal offense.

However, now that it's December you can bet that I have a countdown going and I can't wait to go back home to put up my family's Christmas tree.

## That's what See said:



**Bob Seeholzer**  
Managing Editor

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Classes are almost over, snow is starting to fall, and Max Flessner and Rachel Szuch are graduating (I mean that in a good way guys, I swear).

The best part about the Christmas season, or "holiday season" for the more politically correct out there, is that Santa comes to visit. For those of us who have either had "the talk" with our parents or listened to that meaniepants in third grade (you know, the kid with the older brother who ruined it for everyone), we know that Santa can come in many forms.

Whether he's a jolly old saint, your parents, a creepy old guy at the mall whose beard glue is starting to wear off, or Tim Allen, one thing Santa is always associated with is gift exchange. Arguably the most fun form of gift exchange is Secret Santa. If you're unfamiliar with it, Secret Santa is where a group of people throw their names into a hat (preferably a big, funny one) and then choose a name and get a gift for that person whom they pulled.

Secret Santa is pretty common among students, and we here at the award-winning Carroll News are no exception. I'm sure it doesn't surprise you that a group as creative, knowledgeable, and sleep-deprived as us would be great gift-givers ... but more on that later.

The key to being a good Santa is getting a gift that's personal. Giving a gift that relates to their personality or something that they're involved in is always a good idea. If they're not cool enough for you to know on that level, then make them a macaroni nametag, everyone loves those.

A cool feature to add to the game is to put a limit on how much money you can spend on the gift or make a rule that no money can be spent at all. This rule has gotten more popular over the last few years, however,

those stimulus checks threatened its growth for a little bit.

The best Secret Santa gift idea that I have is a morally-questionable one, but that's never stopped me before. If you can't spend any money and can't think of any clever ideas then you can always steal, err ... "take" something the person already owns and "re-gift" it by giving it back to them. After all 'tis the season for giving, so why not take it a step further by taking and then giving back?

Try to choose something that he or she will notice is missing so that when you give it back it's a huge relief. Maybe make a fake Facebook profile for the missing object and send the person a friend request, then click "like" on all of his or her status updates.

You can get really clever if the thing that you steal is a Santa-related item (bonus points awarded if you take it years in advance).

Just to recap the last few paragraphs: it's a great Secret Santa gift to steal a toy Santa from someone then give it back to them.

By the way, as a staff we selected the John Carroll community for Secret Santa. (Told you I would get back to it.) We delivered 21 times this year ... you're welcome.

I'm just kidding, we picked our Aunt Sue. We used Photoshop to make her a card and then put it on page 4 with "Award-winning tradition continues thanks to Aunt Sue." She said we're her favorite nephews and nieces.

That's not true either. We just did our Secret Santa within the staff. Sorry to disappoint our 400-plus Facebook fans who weren't in on the action. Maybe we'll make a new video for the fan page next week to provide you with some entertainment during a much-needed study break.

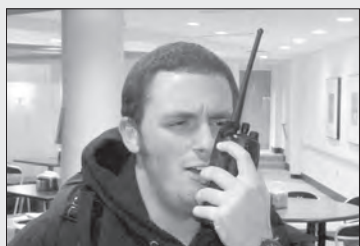
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## Wonderword

## What does bonhomie mean?



"A person who likes to eat Bon Bons."  
**Meghan Brown,**  
junior



"A delicious frozen treat."  
**Adam Boggs,**  
sophomore



"The study of weird things that Lena Chapin likes."  
**Karl Roshong,**  
junior

**Bonhomie** means a good nature; pleasant and easy manner.

## MAXimum Exposure: A true liberal arts education



**Max Flessner**  
The Carroll News

Well, John Carroll, this is it: my last column ever. I will be graduating at the end of this semester and heading back to Chicago, so I figured let's give it one last hoorah.

Too often when graduating seniors write their "senior column" which is filled with the same sentiment, just worded differently: enjoy your four years here—they go by quickly.

While I would encourage you to do that, this column will not be taking that approach. Instead I feel like after four years here I've learned some things the "hard way" and maybe, just maybe, you can take a lesson out of my book and the remainder of your time will be just a little easier.

The most important thing I learned—and this is a lesson I learned in my first month of college—is the first jury you face in any situation when you may be "flirting with the law" is the police officer. If that particular officer feels you are not being adequately cooperative, they will cite you for disorderly conduct. Makes for a half-decent story four years later, but leaves your pockets feeling substantially

lighter at the time. What to do is really your call; I just wanted you to be aware of the consequences.

While on the topic of heavy expenses and police, don't speed on I-480. This lesson I learned about two weeks ago. The officer there will kill you with kindness—his salutation of "have a great day" seems somewhat less sincere when you look at the pamphlet he hands you and find out what you owe the city of North Olmsted. Not worth it.

Another particularly important lesson to learn is how to address professors. For example, "Dean" is not Professor Birch's title (chair of the political science department)—it's his first name.

So if you're, lets say, a fresh-

man reporter for an award-winning newspaper and you need to interview him, opening your e-mail with "Dean Birch" is surely not going to score you any points. There was no retribution from him at the time; in fact, I'm not even sure that he noticed—but it made me feel quite awkward.

The cafeteria has so many things you need to know that I'm not sure I can fit them all in this column. Always say "hi" to Betty and Sharon—they are wonderful. Always get a good seat; if you thought airports were a good place to people watch, you've either never been in Schott Dining Hall or you're not paying attention—either way, wasted opportunity.

This last one may be the most

important: never, EVER, have the chicken a la king. When you think in your mind "wow, that looks like vomit," it probably tastes like it. I should admit I've never tried it, but I'm not about to start now.

Lastly, and I know I've said this before, but don't worry about your grades—they don't matter. Trust me when I tell you that you're going to remember the time you listed your friend on Craigslist much better than what you got in Psychology 101.

Take these lessons to heart—while I loved my four years here, I probably would've had a little easier go of it had I known these earlier. Good luck and enjoy what you've still got left.

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# The Op/Ed Top Ten:

## People you want to be your Secret Santa

1. Oprah - Even if she doesn't pick you, everyone gets a car
2. Bob Seeholzer - He would buy you an issue of the CN
3. George Steinbrenner - He would buy you a World Series
4. Donald Trump - He would put you on TV
5. Eliot Spitzer - He would buy you your own ring
6. The Jonas Brothers - They rock
7. Angelina Jolie - She would adopt you
8. Joe Biden - Number one best unintentional singer
9. Kim Jong-Il - He would buy you the best pair of shades
10. Buddy Valastro - He would bake you a cake

*Compiled by Lena Chapin and Jeff Sigmund*

# Such and Szuch: A final request



**Rachel Szuch**  
The Carroll News

Last week a fellow graduating CN staffer asked me how I planned to handle my final column. At the time, I really hadn't had a chance to consider a topic.

So, as I sat down to write, I looked outside at the crisp, bright snow melting as it hit the ground. It made me remember why I love the holidays (with the exception of commuting in the snow, of course).

As my grandma would say, if everyone was as nice as they were during the holidays, the world would be a much better place. So, instead of giving you advice on how to get the most out of college, I want to ask for a favor.

The holidays are a time of giv-

ing. I'd guess that every student at John Carroll has at least one thing to be grateful for this year. So, think of all of the ways you might be able to enrich someone else's year.

The other day, I stumbled upon something in my Facebook feed that made me take a moment to remember what's important in my life. Above a call for donations to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, my cousin's post read, "The family stayed here when Rosie was sick—it was a blessing to be so close to the hospital and not have to pay for a hotel room."

My cousin Rosie passed away several years ago at the age of five. She was outgoing and she loved to dance. She died of a rare form of brain cancer that there was no specific treatment for at the time.

For that reason, every time I get a letter in the mail asking for a donation to a medical research fund or if someone at a department store asks me if I'd like to donate a dollar to help a charitable cause, I always give. Even if it's as little as a dollar, someday it might help cure someone

like Rosie.

The favor that I am asking of you is this: do something to help someone this year. Donate to a cause, volunteer at a hospice center, participate in a food drive, or just simply say "yes" the next time you are out shopping and a cashier asks if you'd like to donate a dollar to an organization like St. Jude's or the Ronald McDonald House.

It doesn't take much on your part, but you could make a world of difference in someone else's life. There are plenty of organizations at John Carroll that I'm sure would be happy to have your help. Last year I spent the day with a fabulous little boy at Circle K's "Through the Eyes of a Child" event, and this year I plan to spend Christmas Day helping to feed the homeless for Labre.

During the holiday season, when you're surrounded by family, friends and everything that you are thankful for this year, remember that there's always someone that's less fortunate than you. The smallest gesture of kindness or support can go a long way.

## YOURVIEW

### Why choose Fair Trade?

Gina DeLeonibus  
Class of 2013  
John Carroll University

There is nothing more rewarding than to purchase a gift that gives back to the worldwide community. On Wednesday, Dec. 2, Thursday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 6, John Carroll University sponsored a Fair Trade holiday sale where people could purchase products in the atrium such as handmade crafts, coffee and jewelry. Craftsmen, farmers and other merchants in poor nations have produced these products. I cannot emphasize enough that there is a need to support such organizations that provide global relationships with developing countries.

For those of you who are not familiar with the concept of Fair Trade, it promotes equality amongst workers, provides decent wages, and a well-managed and safe environment. It also assists families from impoverished regions to improve their quality of life by selling their products without the so-called middleman. It teaches them business skills that they need to survive in the economic world. The concept of Fair Trade is to move these producers of third world nations toward economic stability and independence so they can learn to compete globally. Global success is an ongoing process and Fair Trade offers opportunities and solidity for the underprivileged producers as well as fair and quality choices for its consumers.

The holiday sale gave the artisans the opportunity to share their unique talents with others and in return, the money went to assist in improving the living conditions of these developing countries and also helping to lift them out of poverty.

While attending John Carroll these past months, I have observed how this unique Jesuit University, which strives for intellectual excel-

lence and inspires service, makes an effort to expose the students to all areas of social justice. By having in depth discussions in class, I have learned how both the U.S. and other countries are trying to exercise fair business practices and granting workers' their rights.

It is vital that students support social justice movements on campus such as Fair Trade as well as off campus activities as a way to show their concern for people in underprivileged areas and share their business strategies and ideals with them.

Fair Trade is one of the many ways you, as a student, can contribute to helping people in less developed countries make a better living for themselves. I hope that all of you took the time to buy a Fair Trade product and remember you made a difference in someone's life this holiday season.

### The real problem with the Bop

Daniel Krajcik  
Class of 2012  
John Carroll University

In response to a column written in the last issue about the fundraiser being done by the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the real problem of "Stop the Bop" was not addressed. The question I have for you, John Carroll University, is: Why didn't we stop the Bop the first day that it started?

Let's do some simple math here to show the problem of KKG not reaching their goal on the first day. First off, it is important to know the goal for the fundraiser was a mere \$500. With a student population of over 3,000 people, how come one-sixth of us couldn't give a single dollar on the first day?

On the first day, if a fraction of the campus would have donated, the "Bop would have stopped" very quickly. Problem solved.

So why couldn't our student body come up with this small do-

nation? Let's put it in perspective. Out of the 3,000 students that go here, there is a vast majority that is not afraid to spend money on items such as iPods, North Face jackets or Uggs boots. How come we all have these items that cost our parents or us hundreds of dollars yet we are so reluctant to give a single dollar to a good cause? When you look at the scope of the issue, a single dollar is microscopic compared to all the things we own.

So the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma asked for \$500 to go to a great cause. Not many people take child literacy seriously enough, but why is it so hard for us to donate a single dollar to help underprivileged children?

So in conclusion John Carroll, next time something like this is done, how about we "Stop the Bop" the very first day and spare us all the headaches.

### I wish I were a wizard

Megan Daw  
Class of 2010  
John Carroll University

I would like to propose that John Carroll University offer courses, which would allow for students to work on life after graduating within their department major. Why in high school are we able to take college prep courses, but in college no one suggests a grad school tract? As a senior going into my last semester, I have spent a great deal of time discovering in the past month that I am short on credit hours, short on prerequisites for grad school, and short on cash to help accomplish these goals.

In turn, this has led to several meltdowns and tears in front of several professionals and my peers, who do not always quite know how to handle the situation. In addition, I have struggled to jam in applications and studying for various graduate school tests all while remembering to finish this semester's work, my duties as a member of a varsity

athletic team, and my responsibilities to my position in the recreation department.

Enough! While I recognize that we are all college students and bright enough to problem solve until the situation is corrected, the process to get there does not need to be strenuous and difficult.

I suggest that John Carroll offer one-credit courses, which would allow for students to transition more easily into the life of graduate school. While there are already such classes in likeness offered by the career center, I think a more influential way of going about this would be to offer such courses within departments. This would allow for students to learn and understand what prerequisites are needed for their applied major and help them work with professors that are highly qualified in their fields. These classes would ideally be taken by juniors in this spring semester and seniors in the fall semester.

As more and more students enter graduate school after their undergraduate graduation, John Carroll would be able to market itself well by sending more students to graduate programs. The more prepared students are for these programs the better it would reflect on the University. The situation becomes a win-win for everyone involved, student and University.

I have already spoken to several professors who feel the need for such courses could be highly beneficial. What is left is an interest by students to see this accomplished. However, even if John Carroll doesn't go for such courses, don't let your senior year be filled with the stress that has filled mine and many others who share the same story.

As a senior, I offer this advice to underclassmen, make sure you create your own graduate school tract, or whatever tract you are interested in. While it is true that as Blue Streaks we are resilient and creative and can generally figure ourselves out of any jam, sometimes the chaos

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